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CANCER AND HEART PATIENTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the WHO has predicted that by the year 2015 the number of heart patients would double and the number of cancer patients would be three times in India; and

(b) if so, the measures taken by the Government to resolve this problem?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Cardio Vascular Diseases are managed at various levels in the Urban Health Care Institutions and Rural Health Care Delivery system in the country both in the public and private sectors. Besides, several district level hospitals which provide secondary level health care facilities, premier government and autonomous Institutions like All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi and Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh provide specialised tertiary care facilities in this field.

Under the National Cancer Control Programme the following schemes are implemented for providing facilities for awareness, early detection and treatment of cancer patients in the country:

1. Grants to Regional Cancer Centres.

2. Assistance for development of Oncology Wing in Government Medical Colleges.

3. Assistance for Cobalt Unit at Govt. Institutions/Registered Charitable Organisations.

4. Assistance for District Cancer Control Programme.

5. Assistance to NGOs for Health Education and Early Detection Activities.